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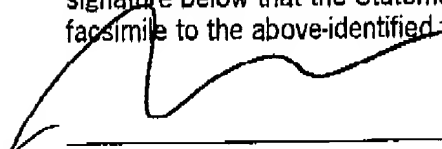
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Before the Examiner:

F. Lu

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2)

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Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, can be reached on (571)272-0782.

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Frank Lu
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 March 2, 2004

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